



1500



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70
93

18

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1550

Tchong King,

Stamps of Indochina (1892-1902) overprinted **Tchong King** only in small capital letter, On red or black, were sold at Chungking and used for franking letters. They were not, however, officially authorized. In 1903 a set of French colonies postage due stamps were similarly overprinted.

Catalogues

Stanley Gibbons and Scott catalogues does not priced them, while Michel and Yvert Tellier, yes.

According to Yvert Tellier stamps No. 1-17 are valued at 1500 Euros (M or U)

No.18-31 are valued at 1550 Euros (M or U).

The stamps of this lot are only overprinted with **Tchong King** in separate words and without Chinese characters. The majority of them overprinted in red, a few in black letters. Michel catalog them as I-I- XVII-I valued at 1300 Euros; I-II-XVII-II in 1400 Euros.

Tchongking The most common stamps were later printed with the name of the French Office in only one word

Used stamps

As a proof that these stamps were really circulated there are 5 stamps of the first set cancelled: 15, 50, 75cts. 1 and 5 Fr. From the second set the 10 cts. was also circulated.

Rarity

In more than 20 years of collecting stamps of China and also from foreign offices in China, these are the only two sets I could ever find and purchased

Euros
3251
= 3673.60